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APRIL EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS CLASSES OFFERED

The City of San Mateo Office of Emergency Services will be joining the California State Office of Emergency Services in commemorating Earthquake Preparedness Month by offering free series of earthquake preparedness classes. All classes will be held at the City of San Mateo City Hall, 330 W. 20th Avenue.

The Basic Home Preparedness class offered on Tuesday April 2nd, 2002 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm in Room C includes identifying hazards in the City and at home, creating an emergency plan and obtaining the right equipment and food.

A Captain's class will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm, Room C, on how to set up a neighborhood preparedness response group, called NEST, (Neighborhood Emergency Services Team). At 7:30 pm in the same room, a class on Emergency Communications will be held for an hour.

On Tuesday, April 16th, at 6:30 pm in Room C, a First Aid Class will focus on emergency triage and disaster medicine. Following this class, in the same room, a Shelter and Special Needs class will be given from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. It will include information on children, seniors, and pets in disasters.

Safety and Security will be taught at 6:30 pm on Tuesday, April 23rd in Room C where participants will learn about utility turn offs, safety issues, and how to use fire extinguishers. The 7:30 pm, a one-hour class on Damage Assessment will be taught by a Red Cross representative in the same room.

The culmination of the Emergency Preparedness Series will be a two hour Search and Rescue Class held from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm on Tuesday, April 30th in the San Mateo Council Chambers in City Hall. This session includes an hour multi-media demonstration followed by an actual hands-on in-the-dark search and rescue with students acting as rescuers and victims.

For more information and to register, call Pat Jocius at the City of San Mateo Office of Emergency Services, (650) 522-7960.